

To the people at the FCC,

I strongly feel there is already far too much consolidation of the major media. This is a dangerous situation in what is supposed to be an open democracy. When ownership is placed in the hands of the very few and the very wealthy, surely we cannot trust that the needs and interests of the general populous will be fairly represented and met. Coverage of the Iraq war is an excellent case in point. And in general, I have noticed an extremely skewed direction to the "news" that is covered - it seems we are fed a steady diet of fear and superficiality, and the stories that matter most are largely ignored.

While I work to insure I get broader coverage of what is happening in the world, the majority of Americans depend solely on major media sources for their news. I am very troubled by the ability of our government and their financial backers to control public understanding of the crucial issues of our time.

Please work to insure that this trend is reversed; stand firmly against any further consolidation.

Sincerely, Margot K Richardson